

FIFTY STRIKING CHICAGO SCHOOL CHILDREN ARRESTED AND JAILED

**Movement Grows, 1,500
Going Out Without
Cause.**

MEN STILL DETERMINED

**Decline to Take Steps Looking
to Peace--Threaten to
Tie Up the City.**

Chicago, May 16.—Three hundred colored strike breakers arrived in Chicago today from St. Louis. They were largely recruited from river towns. Another gang came in from Cincinnati. Nearly a score of the latter deserted when they reached here claiming they were told no strike was prevailing here. One deserter said the coaches in which they traveled were locked during the entire trip.

Messengers Out.
Over 100 of the Postal Telegraph company's messengers struck this morning. The boys occupied themselves chiefly in jeering at nonunion teamsters.

Two colored men were severely beaten in Fourteenth street today by a mob which the police dispersed by the free use of their clubs.

More Pupils Quit.
Pupils of the Fallon public school also struck when two loads of coal from the Peabody Coal company were delivered at the building. The Fallon school and the Graham school are in adjoining districts on the south side.

Youngsters Put in Jail.
The youngsters became so disorderly in 1,500 pupils of the Graham school refused to enter the building. Officials say no "unfair" coal has been delivered at the school.

Looks Like Spread.
Chicago, May 16.—The possibility of a tieup in all delivery business in Chicago including funerals grew definite at a meeting today of President Shea, with W. J. Gibson, business agent of the Cab and Livery Wagon Drivers' union and representatives of the liverymen's and undertakers' associations.

Employers Plend in Vain.
Employing liverymen vainly endeavored to induce the unionists to permit the delivery of passengers at boycotted stores. The labor leaders flatly refused to deviate from the stand taken against such delivery. Committeeman Amberg of the employers' declared after leaving the meeting he would call a session of the employers' association and insist upon its members doing business with boycotted houses even if it was necessary to lock out all employees to do so.

Conference With Mayor.
President Shea, Charles Doid, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, and a number of other labor leaders held a conference with Mayor Dunne today. Labor officials were asked not to spread the strike but to aid in putting down disorder. They replied they would not spread the strike but they were powerless to prevent its spread. They also criticized the police department for the alleged aiding of nonunion men.

The mayor reiterated his previous statement if rioting continued and the strike spreads he would be compelled to call in state troops.

Refuse to Yield.
Chicago, May 16.—The strongest pressure which the team owners of Chicago could bring to bear failed to weaken the stand of the union teamsters last night, and the joint council reaffirmed its determination expressed Saturday night not to permit the delivery of goods to "boycotted" firms.

With the second refusal of the team owners' demands the teamsters openly courted an extension of the strike. Unless the team owners recede from their position, or intervention from higher sources ensues, the broadening of the struggle now seems inevitable.

Council For Arbitration.
The city council went on record Saturday evening for settlement of the teamsters' strike. By a vote of 45 to 29 it adopted a resolution asking the mayor to appoint a committee of five whose duty it shall be to urge arbitration of the existing troubles.

With the spread of the strike fever to four more public schools, and with a total of 1,800 pupils out, officials of the board of education decided last evening, after a conference lasting several hours to use the state compulsory education law as a weapon to compel the children to return to their books.

FLOODS POUR INTO THE UPPER RIVER

La Crosse, Wis., May 16.—Heavy and steady rains the past week are raising the Wisconsin and Minnesota rivers to the danger point. The greatest damage is expected along the La Crosse and Black rivers in Wisconsin and Root river in Minnesota.

PROOF BY BOWEN

**Believed Venezuela Minister Has
Convinced President
Roosevelt.**

LOOMIS CHARGES UPHELD

**Preferred as Representative of Gov-
ernment, Not as a Private
Individual.**

Washington, May 16.—There is no longer any doubt that Herbert W. Bowen, United States minister to Venezuela, has been able to prove the charges reported by him against Assistant Secretary of State Loomis. He called upon the president yesterday and talked to him concerning the matter and then went to the war department, where he had an extended conference with Secretary Taft.

Acted for Government.
Bowen's defense is that he did not make the charges himself; that he fulfilled his duty to the government in communicating the reports of a scandalous nature which injuriously affected the prestige of the United States, and that he would have been derelict had he failed to do so.

START A CAMPAIGN AGAINST OWNERSHIP

**National Association of Manufacturers
Convenes at Atlanta,
Georgia.**

Atlanta, Ga., May 16.—The 10th annual gathering of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States representing more than three quarters of \$13,000,000,000 invested capital of the country assembled here today. Reports of officers including President D. M. Parry, of Indianapolis, annual address were read. Ludwig Nissew, of New York, delivered an address on governmental relation of public franchises. The address was largely devoted to the discussion of an Americanism of government ownership of public utilities.

HEARING OF FREIGHT PLEAS

**Illinois Commission Gives Audience to
Complaining Cities.**

Springfield, Ill., May 16.—The hearing of the petition of shippers and retail merchants association of various Illinois cities for a reduction in freight rates in Illinois began before the state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners today.

KIRK LA SCHELL, PLAYWRIGHT, DEAD

Bellport, O. I., May 16.—Kirk La Schell, theatrical manager and playwright died here today of blood poisoning resulting from an injury to his leg.

TRANS-ATLANTIC YACHT RACE ON

**Novel Contest for Kaiser's Cup
Begins With Eleven
Starters.**

**Sandy Hook, May 16.—It is reported
here the start of the yacht race has
been postponed until tomorrow, owing
to the heavy fog.**

New York, May 16.—Eleven yachts, eight American, two English and one German, varying in size from an 85 on schooner to a 648 ton ship, will start this afternoon from the Sandy Hook lightship for a race of about 3,000 miles across the Atlantic ocean to the Lizard on the coast of England or a cup and three prizes offered by the German emperor.

Notable For Variety.
The race is notable for the variety

BANKRUPTCY DUE TO BIGELOW'S FALL

Milwaukee, May 16.—A petition was filed in the federal court today asking for the appointment of a receiver for the National Electric company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country. Frank G. Bigelow, prior to his downfall, was prominently connected with the company.

THINKS NAN LIED

**Justice Vernon M. Davis, Before
Whom Patterson Trial Came,
Makes a Speech.**

DEFENDANT HELD THE GUN

**Declares Public Believes Testimony is
False, But is Willing to Let
It Go at That.**

New York, May 16.—Vernon M. Davis, justice of the supreme court of the state of New York, who presided at one trial and a mistrial of Nan Patterson, the Floridora girl, declared last night at the banquet that he believed she had lied from beginning to end in her testimony before him; that in his opinion the majority of the community now believed that Miss Patterson held the pistol by which Young was shot, and that J. Morgan Smith bought the weapon and gave it to her, charging her with the duty of "scaring" Young.

Public Exposed Her.
Continuing, he said:
"In her second trial before me, when she was on the stand, Nan Patterson told falsehoods from beginning to end. The air seemed charged with the fact that she was lying. Yet she was a woman. She was young. It was natural that the public should sympathize with her. People seemed to know that she was not telling the truth, and the great public of New York said: 'Why shouldn't she lie? Let her lie. Let her get the benefit of her lies.'"

STATE CONFERENCE OPENED

**Congregationalists Begin 62nd Conven-
tion at Ottawa.**

Ottawa, Ill., May 16.—The general Congregational Association of the State of Illinois opened its 62nd annual session in this city last night. Among those present is Dr. E. F. Williams, of Chicago, western editor of the Boston Congregationalist. The association geographically represents the Congregational churches of the state of Illinois; numerically it represents 364 congregations and more than 50,000 communicants, with benevolences last year amounting to \$169,210 and home expenditures of \$694,534.

KILL 1,141 BIRDS IN TWO DAYS

**Annual Hunt at Elgin Resulted in
Slaughter of 1,086 Crows.**

Elgin, Ill., May 16.—When Elgin's annual crow hunt ended last night after two days of carnage, during which butchering birds and hawks as well as crows were slaughtered, 1,141 birds were brought to the police station in this city for food. The bag contained 1,086 crows, 50 butcher birds and five hawks.

NEW GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME IS EXPOSED BY MINNEAPOLIS COURT

**Hawthorn Mutual Commission Company Refused
Delivery of Mail--Said to be Doing
a Gigantic Business.**

St. Paul, May 16.—District Attorney Haupt today received a copy of the oral opinion recently delivered by Judge Lochren in the federal court at Minneapolis in the case of the Hawthorn Mutual Commission company against Postmaster Hale, of Minneapolis, to restrain the postmaster from preventing the delivery of mail addressed to the company and from re-

fusing to pay money orders drawn in its favor. Judge Lochren dismissed the bill of the plaintiffs on the ground that the company was engaged in a fraudulent business.

Does Big Business.
The company is classed by the district attorney's office as a "get-rich-quick" concern of the first magnitude, and one which is doing a gigantic business over the United States.

NEAR A FLOOD ON DES MOINES RIVER

**Elkhorn River Floods Portion of Nor-
folk, Neb., Driving Resi-
dents Out.**

Des Moines, Iowa, May 16.—Residents of the lowlands are patrolling the levees along the Des Moines river to forestall any break of the rapidly rising river which showed a rise of nearly two feet last night. The government gauge now registers within a few inches of the danger mark.

Norfolk, Neb., May 16.—A further rise of five inches last night of the already swollen Elkhorn river here flooded the east side causing a general exodus of families in that section. Eight imprisoned families were rescued by boats today. The north fork of the Elkhorn is now a mile wide.

BOAT WITH STEEL HULL

**Steamer May Stewart Passes South
Enroute to Kansas City.**

The steamer May Stewart, a steel hull boat built at the Iowa Iron works at Dubuque, came down the river last night, enroute for Kansas City, where she will be put in commission on the Missouri river as a sand boat by the Stewart Peck Sand company. The boat, which is about 100 feet long, is of a type not common on the Mississippi river. The character of the Missouri river makes a steel hull much more practicable than the wood hull. After tying up here over night the steamer departed south this morning at 8:30 o'clock.

HE ADVISES INCORPORATION

**T. V. Powderly Says That Would
Strengthen Union Labor.**

Indianapolis, Ind., May 16.—T. V. Powderly in an address today before the Switchmen's Union of North America convention urged the incorporation of labor unions saying it would take away from the opposition to unions its strongest weapon—the charge that union labor is afraid of incorporation and its responsibilities.

PLACES FOR ALL

**Chairman Morton, of Woodmen
Committee, Talks of
Accommodations.**

HOTELS WILL HOUSE 5,000

**Appeal to Residents of Milwaukee to
Open Homes For at Least
50,000 People.**

Chairman G. E. Morton of the Woodmen committee on hotel accommodations calls upon the people of Milwaukee to open their doors next June to the visiting Woodmen.

"The hotels of our city," he says, "can not accommodate over 5,000. The camp for the unemployed foresters at Lake Front park will provide for about 7,000 more. We expect from 60,000 to 70,000 people. How shall we take care of them?" he says in his appeal to the citizens. "Probably costs will be placed in some of the smaller public halls, but this will be by private enterprise and we can not depend upon it, so it is apparent that there will be many who will be in the city from two to four days who will want at least lodgings. While we do not ask anyone to go to any extra expense, we will esteem it a favor of those who can accommodate visitors next June will not notify us."

Will Care for All.
The chairman of the committee on hotel accommodations is exhausting every effort to furnish lodging for all who attend the meeting of the head camp in Milwaukee in June, and those who write for accommodations will undoubtedly be cared for in the best possible manner.

FOURTH DIVISION MAY CHANGE THE TIDE OF WAR

HOCH WIFE MURDER TRIAL NEARLY OVER

Chicago, May 16.—The defense in the trial of Johann Hoch, charged with wife murder rested its case today. It is expected a verdict will be reached before Saturday.

SECRETS EXPOSED

**Expert Tells Beef Grand Jury
About Books of Aetna
Company.**

HAS MADE IT CLOSE STUDY

**All Those Who Have Dealings With
Concerns are Known--Witness-
es Under Bonds.**

Chicago, May 16.—Members of the federal grand jury investigating the beef industries yesterday learned all the details of the manner in which officials of the Aetna Trading company kept their books. This company, it is said, was the means by which the packers supposed to form the beef trust transacted their secret business.

National Bank Examiner Stareck, who for nearly two months has been studying over the books found in the six trunks taken from the First National bank building safety vaults, has completed his task and was before the inquirers.

All Secrets Bared.
Through these books found in the trunks it is asserted the secret system of the Aetna company has been revealed and all persons connected with the operation of the company are known.

The presence of Mr. Stareck in the jury room and the placing of Mrs. Irvine A. Vant and Mrs. Richard V. Hoes under \$10,000 bonds today gave rise to rumors that the grand jury is getting ready to return a large number of indictments within a few days.

BAPTISTS OF NORTH AND SOUTH MEET

**First Conference of Kind Since
War Begins at St.
Louis.**

St. Louis, May 16.—The general Baptist convention participated in by Baptists of the north and south marking their first joint meeting since antebellum days, began here today presided over by E. W. Stevens, of Columbia, Mo. Today's session was preliminary in character. Gov. Folk delivered the address of welcome.

MANY ACRES UNDER WATER

**Damage Done to Lee County Farming
Lands by Flood.**

Dixon, Ill., May 16.—Twelve thousand acres of the most fertile farm land in Lee county is under water as a result of the recent heavy rains. The damage done is enormous.

CORNER IN CORN FOR MAY BOOSTS PRICE

Chicago, May 16.—Corn for May delivery on the board of trade during the current month is said to have been cornered. As a result the price advanced nearly three cents a bushel today to 54 closing at 53.

GERMANY SEIZES PIECE OF CHINA?

**Dissolve Small Companies
Distillery Combine Makes Move to Re-
duce Taxes.**

New York, May 16.—A movement which, it is said, eventually will result in the dissolution of all the subsidiary companies of the Distilling company of America, about 99 in number, has been begun in Jersey City. The Standard Distilling and Distributing company was dissolved yesterday by vote of the stockholders. Levy Mayer, general counsel for the company, said that the object of the dissolution was to reduce the corporate taxes and administrative expenses. The Standard company has assets of \$27,000,000, including the plant.

Selborne Welcomed to Cape Town.

Cape Town, May 16.—Lord Selborne, successor of Lord Milner as high commissioner in South Africa, arrived here today and received an enthusiastic welcome.

Russia's Hopes Centered Upon Fleet About to Sail.

DUE DURING SUMMER

**Rojestvensky Has Not Ap-
prised Home Government
of Movements.**

HAS MADE IT CLOSE STUDY

St. Petersburg, May 16.—The naval game in the far east is watched with intense interest but the admiralty is able to throw but little light on the situation. It gives no confirmation of the Tokio report that Rojestvensky returned to Hong Koo bay. The Russian admiral is keeping his movements and plans secret not communicating even with the home authorities.

Japanese Actuated.

Many wild reports emanating from Tokio are attributed to the agitated state of mind of the Japanese over the result of the coming battle. Many naval men incline to the opinion that Rojestvensky will pass out of China sea into the Pacific through Balling Tang channel north of the island of Luzon, Philippine Islands, and give Formosa a wide berth instead of sailing through the 200 mile stretch of the straits of Formosa in which the Russians might be subject to a torpedo attack.

Another Division Ready.

Another division of reinforcements for Rojestvensky is almost ready at Cronstadt and will start out under the command of Rear Admiral Parenago. It will consist of two fine battleships, the Slava and Emperor Alexander II, two cruisers, torpedo cruisers, gunboats, transports and several minor units. The division is now engaged in speed trials and maneuvering off Cronstadt.

May Turn the Scale.

The appearance of this reserve division in the far east in the course of the summer should hostile fleets suffer equally in the coming battle is counted upon to give Russia the necessary decisive preponderance upon the sea. The possession of this division naval men believe may ultimately prove Russia's salvation.

FIRST WET WORK OF THE SEASON ON THE FARM

**Soil in Bad Condition for Cultivation
—Grain and Pastures
Thrive.**

A general summary of the weekly crop bulletin for Illinois for the week ending May 15 shows that the rainfall during the week has exceeded the need of vegetation in some localities, and farming operations have been greatly hindered, especially in the northern and the southern districts. In the central district the fall was torrential, submerging many lowland fields. The week opened favorably, and much planting and plowing were done, but the latter part was showery, rendering the soil too wet for further work. The average temperature was slightly above normal, being highly favorable the middle of the week, where maxima of 80 degrees and over obtained in all sections. Some damage to gardens and fruits caused from high winds in the central and northern districts.

Corn planting is mostly finished in the central district, and many early planted fields are up to a good stand. The work has been greatly retarded in the other sections, and on account of heavy rainfall in the northern district considerable ground that had been prepared must be refitted before planting. Some oats were damaged by hail and floods in the northern district, but otherwise the crop is advanced favorably. Wheat and rye are heading out, and the outlook for these crops is uniformly promising. Clover, timothy and other grasses have made vigorous growth. Clover is showing blossom in the southern district.

Strawberries are ripe in the southern and are ripening fast in the central district. The prospects are good for blackberries, raspberries and grapes. Apples, plums, pears and cherries are generally promising, the fruit having set heavy. Some potatoes have been worked in the southern district, elsewhere the crop is very promising. Gardening is nearly completed in the northern district; in other sections rapid growth has been made.

Will Run to Peoria.

The Chicago & Alton railway has made the announcement that within a month the electric interurban service, which is now proving so popular and profitable on the main line of that road, will be extended to Peoria.